

Virtual RISC Meeting Highlights- August 15th, 2013

Opening Remarks

Mary McKenna, Deputy Response Division Director

Featured Presentation*

Steve Palladino, Operations Director, Oklahoma Office
of Emergency Management

**The presentation and meeting notes are available online:*

<https://www.fema.gov/regional-advisory-council-regional-emergency-communications-coordination-working-group>

Presentation Questions/Comments:

- Steve Palladino, from the Oklahoma Emergency Management Agency, gave a briefing on the response to the tornados that had occurred in May, discussing some of the challenges faced (slides attached)
- The following questions were asked by the audience:
 - Tommy Lee from MEMA asked about the debris disposal, specifically what they did to dispose of it
 - *The debris was able to be handled by three existing landfills*
 - Kim Kadesh FEMA FCO asked about the debris pilot program that was in effect at the time
 - *The program got a good review for providing incentives and stream lining the process allowing a speedier recovery*
 - Ed Delissio Region III Logistics asked about the handling of the massive amount of donated goods
 - *The donations were extensive and would not be manageable by one entity so it was determined that each community would handle their own donations and coordinate with each other*
 - *The local tribe helped out and set up mini POD's to distribute the donated goods*
 - *Faith based handled some but were overwhelmed with the amount of goods received*
 - *The City of Moore coordinated with Norman Ok and the University of Oklahoma for space and management*
 - *Overall it was challenging*



State Partner Reports

Pennsylvania

Henry Tamanini

- Timothy Bachman deputy director of operations retired; Robert Minert is new director of training at PEMA
- PEMA is preparing a hostile action plan for the Limerick Power Plant
- Currently using "Prevastar" software to keep their plans updated
- Updating state communications plans
- Working on emergency plans for Marcellus shale facilities
- Will participate in Vigilant Guard Exercise in May 2014

West Virginia

Not in attendance

Delaware

Nothing Significant to Report

District of Columbia

Brian Baker

- Participated in the IMAT validation exercise-Improvised Nuclear Device scenario, found it very valuable

Maryland

Jordan Nelms

- MEMA also found the IMAT validation exercise very valuable
- They are doing an Information Analysis brief on a combined response and recovery plan
- They are looking forward to working on an IND Plan with FEMA Region III

Virginia

Mike Nelson

- Virginia continues to monitor the tropics for hurricane activity, nothing significant to report at this time

Regional Reports

Response

- Ed Delissio, FEMA Region III Response Division Logistics Branch Chief, gave a short brief on the RRCC reorganization under the Regional Incident Support Manual (RISM) that occurred on June 1st, 2013
- He also invited any ESF's interested in attending training sessions on Tuesday's -contact for details (currently in week 4 of an 8 week training)

- Mark O'Hanlon, new Operations Chief in FEMA Region III Response Division was introduced

External Affairs (ESF 15)

_No Report Provided

ESF & Federal Partner Operations Reports

Infrastructure

ESF-1 Transportation

Not in Attendance

ESF-2 Communication

Not in Attendance

ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering (USACE)

No Report Provided

ESF-12 Energy

Bob Reed

- Working on Hurricane Sandy AAR and their Emergency Response Center
 - Bob Hoban, Region III IMAT Chief, thanked ESF 12 for the Eagle Eye software demonstration
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Emergency Services

ESF-4 Firefighting (U.S. Forest Service)

Maureen Brooks

- Forest Service fully engaged in fire season in western US and Alaska. Mobilized 26 Fire Teams and 715 individuals
- They are at preparedness level (on a scale where 5 is the highest)
- Keeping track of resources

ESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services

Not in Attendance

ESF-9 Search and Rescue

Not in Attendance

ESF-10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response

Not in Attendance

ESF-13 Public Safety and Security (Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms- ATF)

Andrew "A. J." McAndrew

- McAndrew introduced himself to the RISC members. He is replacing Dan Cornwell, the former ESF #13 field coordinator/contractor for FEMA Region III

- He also introduced ATF Supervisory Special Agent Terry Alverson who is the acting Region III ESF #13 Regional Law Enforcement Coordinator as well as the full-time Regional Law Enforcement Coordinator in Region IV. Alverson is in the process of planning a trip to visit FEMA Region III HQ in the next couple of weeks
- ESF 13 participated in the Liberty Down Exercise with the FEMA Region III Emergency Relocation Group (ERG), found it very beneficial to interact with the ERG Group
- McAndrews plans on meeting with Tom Murray, FEMA Region III Mission Assignment Manager, in the next few days to provide him with the recently amended ESF #13 PSMA's
- The ESF #13 National Concept of Operations (CONOP) has been approved for distribution to Regional FEMA staff. The CONOP will be distributed to Mrs. Tierney and her staff within the next week. The ESF #13 CONOP is marked "Law Enforcement Sensitive -ORCON" and due to its sensitive nature, the document's contents must be protected accordingly. Any use of the document's contents in other documents must be pre-approved by the ESF #13 National Coordination Center.
- McAndrews communicated via email with all of the respective State Police ESF #13 coordinators in FEMA Region III and personally met with several of them, I hope to personally meet with the remaining State Police ESF #13 coordinators in the near future as well as the State EOC Directors in order to explain DOJ's ESF #13 program
- Contact information is as follows:

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ESF-7 Logistics Management and Resource Support

MaryAnn Toniazzo

- Currently working on an extension of the lease in Wilkes-Barre for our staging area
- GSA participated in the Liberty Down exercise and found it to be a valuable experience
- ESF 7 has new Regional leadership who is very supportive of their roll in emergency response
- Toniazzo would like to schedule a meeting to discuss disaster leasing, disaster procurement and the Mission Assignment process. GSA has recently hired several new staff members and feels it would be very beneficial for them to get briefed on what and how we conduct business.

Human Services

ESF-6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services

Crag Crosby, FEMA Individual Assistance

- Discussed the Transitional Housing initiatives going on at FEMA HQ and alerted everyone that the changes in the program will be out soon; this program places people in hotels after a disaster and then looks for more permanent solutions.

- A FEMA National Shelter system tracking database is now available to assist with tracking information. It allows states (and their counties) to track items like pets, mobile kitchens, disability access, and backup power systems. The FEMA region III Regional Administrator sent a memorandum about the program to the states. We are working with the states to fully explain the program.

ESF-11 Agriculture and Natural Resources (DOI)

Tony DiMarco

- The Department of Agriculture is going through reorganization but it will not affect the Emergency Services
- ESF 11 is also coordinating with ESF 6 on sheltering issues as they have a play with the supply of food

Defense Coordinating Element (DCE)

- Col Williams is out on medical leave until the end of September and will be backfilled by Col Karen McCurdy (MD EPLO)

OSHA

Not in Attendance

SBA

Not in Attendance

Closing Remarks and Reminders

- **Save the date-** The next Virtual RISC meeting will take place the first week of November, more *information will be provided in the near future*
- Please direct any RISC questions or comments to Mary.McKenna@fema.dhs.gov or Madeline.Capocci@fema.dhs.gov